

Application No. 10/042,336

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the application as presently presented is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimizuka in view of Takahashi. This rejection is now believed moot since claim 1 by this amendment has been canceled.

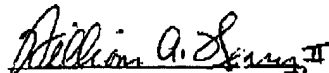
Claims 3 – 8 are allowed.

Since all of the claims remaining in this application are allowed an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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